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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appellants: Nora Femenia et al.

Examiner: Pierre Elisca

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF**

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This responds to the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed on June 5, 2007. In compliance with MPEP 1205.03(B) and 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v), Appellants submit the following corrected section from Appellants' previously-submitted Appeal Brief filed August 3, 2006.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a 2-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from July 5, 2007 to September 5, 2007.

Please replace the previously-submitted Summary of Claimed Subject Matter Section 5 with the below replacement.

**5. SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER**

**INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1**

A method of managing a dispute about a pre-existing agreement, comprising:  
automatically receiving information relating to the dispute from one of an initiator and a respondent (*see, e.g.* Fig. 2, 105; Fig. 3, 205), the initiator and the respondent being parties to the agreement (*see, e.g.* p. 3, ln.4-10; p. 4 ln. 6-8 and 16-21), and  
iteratively providing portions of the information to the other of the initiator and the respondent (*see, e.g.* the flowcharts of Figs. 2 and 3) in accordance with predetermined criteria relating to either a rating of a portion of the information supplied after a start of the dispute by the initiator or the respondent (*see, e.g.* Fig. 2, 120; Fig. 3, 315; p. 5, ln. 11-20), or relating to the number of portions of the information to be provided at an iteration (*see, e.g.* p. 6, ln. 5-6; p. 14, ln. 3-5).

**INDEPENDENT CLAIM 11**

An apparatus for managing a dispute about a pre-existing agreement, comprising:  
a computer for automatically receiving information relating to the dispute from one of an initiator and a respondent (*see, e.g.* Fig. 2, 105; Fig. 3, 205), the initiator and the respondent being parties to the agreement (*see, e.g.* p. 3, ln.4-10; p. 4 ln. 6-8 and 16-21), and for iteratively providing portions of the information to the other of the initiator and the respondent (*see, e.g.* the flowcharts of Figs. 2 and 3) in accordance with predetermined criteria relating to either a rating of a portion of the information supplied after a start of the dispute by the initiator or the respondent (*see, e.g.* Fig. 2, 120; Fig. 3, 315; p. 5, ln. 11-20), or relating to the number of portions of the information to be provided at an iteration (*see, e.g.* p. 6, ln. 5-6; p. 14, ln. 3-5).

**CONCLUSION**

In accordance with MPEP 1205.03(B) and 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v), only the non-compliant section of Appellants' previously-submitted Appeal Brief has been included in this response.

Appellants respectfully submit that the Examiner withdraw the non-compliant status and examine the Appeal Brief.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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